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The TIMES is boiled down to half its usual size this week. The reason for this is the fact that there was no work carried on in the office last week, the entire force being off taking the holidays. Next week the TIMES will appear in its accustomed dimensions, and will so continue, "cut and pasted," until the end of time.

PAUSE AND REFLECT.

Within the silent embrace of the mystic realms of Time repose in its first and last sleep the dead year—1883. The light of its existence went out amidst exultant rejoicing of the happy multitude. All Christendom were by its bed-side, heard its last prayer, its parting admonitions, and rode in the funeral march to its grave, but few were the tears. With careless mein the busy world moves on mourning not for the dead, unmindful even of its memory which is thrust aside to make up another page in history.

Reflecting a moment on the past—the early morn, the noon-day and the night-time of the old year—we find many valuable lessons, many worthy examples. It is our privilege to emulate and profit by them. In every ones life there is something to improve, something to change for the better. Proverbially though it may be, strewn with the wreck of broken promises from time immemorial, this is the proper period, after all, to brace ourselves up and ask calmly, considerably what of the past? how about the future.

If the battles of the old year are to be fought over again, what is the use of buckling on the armor at all. Better surrender at once before the threshold has been crossed over. Perchance the march has been weary and the conquest small. Defeat may have come often, and the corpse of dead comrades, kindred and friends, may have impeded the progress of the journey, and we find ourselves standing alone just at the beginning of another siege. But what of that? Does not the impenetrable future hold out some inducement? Is there not in the young vivacious, inspiring soul of the new year something for which every drooping spirit in the universe should yearn to discover and embrace. Ah, surely there must be.

The Great Captain requires the march to be resumed, and it is not for us to doubt the wisdom of the order or disobey the imperial command. There is room enough aboard for all, and the conquests of the voyage and the safety of the landing will depend upon the strength of our manhood in maintaining our purposes and defending the weaker points in our lines.

As we launch our bark out upon the untrodden waters of the new year we turn in humble obedience to the memory of the departed—the Caesar of its day. Our heart is kind to its memory, and we linger a little while by the new made grave to muse upon the vicissitudes of the past. As one grand panorama, all we have been rushes like a mighty river before our vision. The tale is told and we look in wonder about us. The scene shifts, and we stand confronted by the new visitor—the New King. Our best faculties are demanded in the contests of the present and the future, and as the past is irretrievable, let us not worry for what it might have been.

The Kansas City Times is taken to task by the Holden Enterprise for the unreasonable dimensions of the advertisement sent out by the Times to the country press. The Enterprise expresses much truth. These city papers are getting too much like theatrical companies—they expect too much for nothing.

The TIMES' report from Washington, last week, contained an error in the statement that George A. Post is the youngest man ever elected to the National Legislature. John Randolph, a Representative from Virginia, familiarly known as Randolph of "Roanoke," was the youngest man ever sent to Congress. He was elected to the first Congress under John Adams' administration before he was twenty-five years old, the requisite age prescribed by the Constitution for a Representative. Upon being asked by the officer administering the oath if he was of legal age to represent his district in Congress, Mr. Randolph replied: "Ask my constituents if I am old enough to represent them on this floor." However, he was not permitted to take the oath and occupy his seat until several months later when he attained the proper age for a Representative.

Speaker Carlisle did well by Missouri in his make up of the committees. The chairmen for four important committees were taken from our delegation. Mr. Hatch was made chairman of the committee on agriculture; Mr. Buckner, banking and currency; Mr. Davis, expenditures of the Treasury department; Mr. Bland, coinage, weights and measures. The other members were distributed among the various committees, it falling to Mr. Morgan's lot, our member, to be on two committees, military affairs, and expenditures of state-department. Naturally enough Mr. Carlisle's appointments did not please everybody, but they suit the Democratic party and that's enough—all that was required of him.

The Nevada Democrat, one of the solid Democratic journals of the southwest, reasons as follows why it should support the old ticket:

"This paper is for Tilden because we believe that he is the only Democrat in the party to-day that can certainly carry New York. We are for Tilden because we believe he is the only man that was ever fairly elected President of this country and afterwards swindled out of the place. We are for Tilden because we believe he is to-day the only Democrat that the party can certainly elect President in 1884. We are for Tilden because nine-tenths of the Democratic party want to resent the insult given them by the Republican party in refusing to allow him to have the office after he had been fairly elected to it, and finally we are for Tilden because we believe he would make a better President than any other man in the party."

Ex-Senator Barnum, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is quoted as follows in reference to Mr. Tilden: "I am a personal friend of his, and know him very intimately, but I am not in favor of him as a Presidential candidate, because he is out of the race. Mr. Tilden will not run. Of that I am certain." Mr. Tilden may not be a candidate himself, but the people will make him their candidate at the convention, all the same.

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Ex-Vice President Colfax to Lecture at Butler, Jan. 10th.

Ex-Vice President Colfax will lecture at Walton's Opera House, Thursday night, Jan. 10th. Subject, "Our Martyred Presidents." Read what the press has to say of his lectures:

Frankfort, Ind., Crescent, Dem.—A large audience greeted Mr. Colfax to hear his address on "Our Martyred Presidents." As an intimate friend of both of these distinguished men and an actor in the stirring events and scenes, Mr. Colfax is doubtless their ablest biographer, especially of Lincoln. It is partly with a view to fix Lincoln's appropriate place in history that Mr. C. began to lecture. Owing to the broad statesmanship and the commanding talents of Seward, Chase and other actors during his administration, the idea too often prevailed that Lincoln was a mere figure head during those four eventful years and that to Seward, Stanton and others belonged the credit of all that was done. Mr. Colfax shows that Lincoln himself was the Master spirit of his administration, directing largely the operations in the field, shaping our foreign policy, and bearing upon his brow the burden of his stirring administration. Mr. Colfax's summing up of the character of Garfield was one of the best of the many good things said of this distinguished man.

Wichita, Kan., Beacon.—The lecture was most excellent. The diction was flowing, scholarly and strong. The sentiment was appropriate to the subject, "Our Martyred Presidents." His portraits were forcibly and graphically drawn. Lincoln's was sketchy and anecdotal. By bold and skillful touches he introduced the audience into the Executive Chamber, and into the heart of one of the few truly great, unselfish men of our history, Abraham Lincoln. He drew the parallel between Lincoln and Garfield, and presented the remarkable coincidences running through the lives of the two men. The lecture was full of gems of thought and we should like to sit in an easy chair and read it through.

The Madisonian, (College paper of Madison University, N. Y.) speaks of Mr. Colfax's lecture as follows: "The hall was filled at an early hour by an intelligent and enthusiastic audience. The lecturer and lecture were just what we expected. The one pleasing, the other, thoughtful and instructive. The speaker gave a vivid review of Garfield's life, and brought out the leading characteristics of each President. The humorous turn of Lincoln, was pleasantly portrayed. His periods were well founded. His comparison of the two noble lives were beautiful."

Scranton, Pa., Republican.—The eloquent tribute of the Hon. Schuyler Colfax to the memory of our martyred Presidents, was listened to by a large audience at the teachers' Institute, last evening. His personal acquaintance with Lincoln and Garfield enable him to draw an interesting picture of the lines of these two grand types of American character, who rose from the poorest to the proudest place in the nation, and whose names, with that of Washington, will endure as monuments toward which the teachers of our youth can always point for the edification of the rising generation.

Carthage, Ill., Gazette.—Hon. Schuyler Colfax delivered his celebrated lecture, "Our Martyred Presidents," at the Trinity Lutheran Church, to a large and intelligent audience. It was listened to throughout by every auditor present with close attention. The lecture is indeed a splendid production, portraying in choice language and elegant phrases the striking features of the characters and lives of our martyred presidents.

Vineland, N. J., Independent.—With Schuyler Colfax for a lecturer, and Lincoln and Garfield for a subject, that public interest should be aroused was natural, and as was expected Cosmopolitan Hall was filled last evening with our best people, to hear this celebrated gentleman lecture upon his favorite theme. Finely delivered containing passages of eloquence and pathos, the lecture was good for every soul that heard it.

Cedar Rapids Iowa, Republican.—It seems fitting to hear eulogy of the good and great Garfield and Lincoln, from the lips of one who was a prominent figure in the national councils during the period of Lincoln's administration. He had a good theme, and it was most ably and eloquently presented. The eloquence, however, was more in the matter and diction than in the style of delivery, though that was pleasing. It was a graphic portrayal of some of the more prominent traits and characteristics of the two most notable men our country has produced in this century. The lessons of these two

great lives were enforced, and our martyred presidents were held up as great and inspiring examples for the youth of our country. The speaker was heartily applauded and all were highly entertained by the lecture.

Beatrice, Neb., Democrat.—The opera house was filled, and the lecture, delivered on the invitation of the I. O. O. F., was listened to throughout with marked attention. While the lecture was in the main a solemn and impressive reminder of "Our Martyred Presidents," it was colored throughout with many laughable pictures and humorous anecdotes of Abraham Lincoln, the most illustrious American of any age. At the conclusion of his lecture, Mr. Colfax made a few very appropriate remarks on the origin, objects and benefits of Odd Fellowship, and placed that benevolent fraternity before the audience, in a glowing picture of real life.

Kenosha, Wis., Union.—Schuyler Colfax as a representative of the great states of the west had reached a high place in the councils of the nation at a time when our national existence was greatly imperiled. His wisdom, eloquence and virtue had caused him to be leaned upon as a trusted friend and coadjutor by those great patriots, Lincoln and Garfield, and his intimate relations with them made him familiar with their inner lives. The story, as he told it, was full of the eloquence which is inseparable from such noble lives under the tremendous responsibilities of the highest peril and difficulty. The story was nobly told, and told in a way, and with the view to awaken the noblest feelings of our natures, and inspire the loftiest patriotism. The gentleman, to whose exertions the people of Kenosha owe the appearance of Schuyler Colfax as a lecturer are entitled to the thanks of the community.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Star.—Mr. Colfax delivered his new lecture with fine rhetorical effect on the invitation of G. A. R., before a crowded Opera House. People were present from all parts of Montgomery county. Gen. Manson introduced the speaker; and then followed a lecture which would be spoiled if an attempt were made to epitomise it.

Rockport, Missouri, Sun.—It opened with sublime and touching eulogy upon the departed Garfield; and then, with that happy faculty peculiar to some public speakers, the orator launched his whole being, as it were, into that grand old theme, Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln, fairly holding his audience spell-bound to the close.

Iowa State Register.—Schuyler Colfax, one of the most entertaining lecturers now on the rostrum, spoke to a well-pleased audience last night. There is always considerable curiosity to see and hear Mr. Colfax. The ability and popularity of this statesman of a dying generation are enhanced by his former noted associations, which lend an additional charm to his eloquence. His lecture on Lincoln and Garfield, was a fine effort, and was heard with wrapt attention.

Peabody, Mass., Press.—At the outset Mr. Colfax drew attention to the remarkable parallel which existed between the lives of our two martyred Presidents, Lincoln and Garfield; and he then entered upon the character and noble fortitude of the latter, as set forth in his last illness. Both men had risen by their own exertions from the humblest stations in life to the very acme of American ambition. The lecture was listened to with the closest attention, (by a crowded audience of over 1,000) and did full justice to our martyred Presidents.

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